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CHIARELLO et al.)

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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF CHIRAL ISOFLUOROENES)

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

In response to the office action dated October 10, 2003, applicants respectfully
request reconsideration of the rejections of record, based on the following remarks and
amendments, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.111.